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LOK SABHA

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RAW SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of raw silk is more than the production in the country ;

(b) the total quantity of raw silk produced in the country and the quantity imported during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production of raw silk in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : Yes Sir. The present production of silk in the country is 18,775 MTs (2006-07) against an estimated demand of 26,000 MTs.

(b) : Production and import of raw silk during the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) is given below :

Year	Raw silk Production MTs	Import of Raw silk MTs	Unit?
2004-05	16,500	7,948	
2005-06	17,305	8,383	
2006-07	18,775	5,567	

(c) : Major steps taken to increase the production of raw silk by the Central Silk Board are, through Research & Development efforts for producing International Standard import substitute grade Indian Silk by evolving new Bivoltine breeds with the assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), breaking through in tropicalizing the Bivoltine Silkworm and development of new varieties of mulberry plants with higher yields to improve the silk productivity,developing improved devices, new machines and equipments for helping the improvement of the silk quality and productivity, introduction of motorized silk reeling/spinning machines and setting-up of common facility centers and assistance to sericulture farmers/reelers to encourage them for adopting the improved technology aiming towards improvement in quality and productivity.